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SUBJ: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM DENIES LINK WITH NEW YORK TIMES STORY

REF: CARACAS 2091

1. OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE ACCUSATION IN THIS WEEK'S RESUMEN MAGAZINE LINKING THE COMPANY TO THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON CIA PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN LEADERS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT PEREZ.

2. A RELEASE ISSUED BY OCCIDENTAL'S LOCAL OFFICE AND REPORTED IN THE PRESS MARCH 1 DESCRIBED THE CHARGE AS ABSURD, SAYING A INQUIRY BY RESUMEN COULD HAVE PROVED IT FALSE WITHOUT ANY DOUBT. THE ACCUSATION, IT SAID, WOULD NOT HAVE MERITED ATTENTION WERE IT NOT FOR THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE COMPANY BY EQUALLY ABSURD AND DEFAMATORY ACCUSATIONS IN THE PAST.

3. THE COMPANY EXPRESSED HIGH PERSONAL REGARD FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ, AND SAID HIS PREVIOUS ACTION IN ORDERING AN INVESTIGATION OF OCCIDENTAL AS A RESULT OF THESE EARLIER CHARGES WAS UNDERSTANDABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT ALSO STATED THAT THE SUBSEQUENT COURT FINDING THAT THESE CHARGES WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION STRENGTHENED ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE GOV, AND THAT OCCIDENTAL IS NOW CONFIDENT OF THE SUCCESS OF ITS EFFORTS TO

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